

THE Beth David MONTHLY

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Martin Luther King Day of Service

Monday, January 16, 2012 10 am – 1pm

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is... "What are you doing for others?""
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Side by Side Partners for MLK Day"

in partnership with Upper Darby School District present our 10th Year of Service Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Upper Darby High School

601 N. Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026

BRING YOUR DONATIONS JANUARY 16th

or Drop Off Prior to Jan. 16th at one of our Partners:

Adath Israel - Beth Am Israel - Main Line Reform Temple
Narberth Havurah - Beth David Reform Congregation - Kaiserman JCC
Temple Beth Hillel-Beth el - Christ Lutheran Community Church
Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy

~ DONATIONS NEEDED ~

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: (full & travel size):
Toiletries, Feminine Hygiene Products, Soap, Shampoo, Disposable Razors, Make-up, Diapers, Wipes, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Markers, Notebooks, Scissors, Tape, Calculators, Highlighters, Backpacks, Pocket Folders, etc.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

NEW or GENTLY USED CHILDRENS BOOKS:
Kindergarten to Grade 5

NEW or GENTLY USED WINTER COATS, GLOVES, MITTENS & SCARVES:— All Ages

TISSUES, SANITIZING WIPES, HAND GEL, BABY WIPES, PAPER TOWELS

~ SCHEDULE & PROJECTS ~

10-11am Registration
10:30am Opening Ceremony
Upper Darby High School
Performing Arts Center
11 - 12:30pm Hands on Projects
Upper Darby High School
(registration required)
12:30-1pm Load Cars w/
Donations for
Delivery



PROJECTS INCLUDE:
Arts & Crafts
Letters to US Troops
Make Lunches for Shelter
Sort Donations
Deliver Donations
Beautify Bathrooms

Record Books on Tape
for "Philadelphia Reads"
Red Cross Blood Drive
Hoop Competition
(\$5.00 to Play: Proceeds to
Charity)
Reflection Discussions
& MORE!!



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, January 6 SHABBAT VA-Y'CHI Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Kari and Jeffrey Becker	6:30PM
Saturday, January 7 Torah Study Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Becker	9:30AM 10:30AM
Friday, January 13 SHABBAT SH'MOT 6th Grade Shabbat Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Elizabeth and Ross Engelman	6:30PM
Saturday, January 14 Torah Study Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Engelman	9:30AM 10:30AM
Friday, January 20 Chardonnay, Schmooze and Shabbat SHABBAT VA-EIRA Oneg Shabbat sponsored by The Congregation	7:00PM 8:00PM
Saturday, January 21 Torah Study	9:30AM
Friday, January 27 SHABBAT BO Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Gail and David Lazarus	8:00PM
Saturday, January 28 Torah Study Bar Mitzvah of Sam Lazarus	9:30AM 10:30AM

From Rabbi Egolf

Attending the URJ Biennial in December, I got a chance to touch a moment of Jewish history and Reform Jewish legend. First a little background - in 1961 Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath presented a Torah to President John F. Kennedy. This was the Torah that came past me during the hakafah, the Torah procession, at Shabbat services during the conference, and I had the privilege to reach out my prayerbook and touch this piece of history. A line from the prayerbook pleads with God, "make the words of your Torah sweet to us...", and in this moment I felt the sweetness of history on my lips as I had contact with this scroll.

And then...one of my closest rabbinic colleagues turned to me and said, "This is one of the most idolatrous things that we do as



Jews." Half in jest I replied, "One man's idolatry is another man's sacred cow." This exchange got me thinking about the connections and walls we have built around this thing called Torah.

When we say the word, "Torah," we may think of a large heavy scroll, tucked away in the ark in the synagogue. that is read at religious services. However, Martin Buber, a 20th century scholar, implored us to make our lives into a Torah. Buber's idea was that the words of Torah were to be written both on the parchment and when we lived our lives in concert with God's will. Thus an unwritten, blank scroll of parchment and our lives share the same possibilities. It is the story that we write with our actions or our quills that makes us or the scroll rise to being a Torah. Hence the disconnect

my friend expressed really should be no problem at all. For whether in a scroll or in our lives, if Torah exists - that is, an attempt to find, express and do God's will for the betterment of God and humans - then we and the scroll are the same. We both are reflections of Moses' meeting with God at Sinai.

As this new secular year begins, I invite you to consider the ways that you and Torah are the same rather than disconnected. Search for the times when you feel compelled to do those things that are holy, which give you a glimpse of the presence of God in your world. Then the words of the scroll may be sweet to us and we, by how we live our lives, might also be sweet and pleasing to God.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Jim Egolf
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From Rabbi Nof - Or Hadash/Haifa

As a Progressive Jewish Congregation, we feel each year we exist is a miracle in and of itself. As Reform Jews we are not supported by the State of Israel (as opposed to the Orthodox establishment). Yet each year we experience a miracle bestowed on us by our many Jewish American friends who conscientiously support and help us grow.

It is thanks to our friends that we succeed as a thriving congregation involved in over 20 Tikun Olam programs. It is thanks to our friends that we are able to support, feed, care for and spiritually assist so many people in need. It is also thanks to our friends that we are able to welcome and host over 10,000 visitors a year, of which some 1,000 are overseas friends. It is thanks to you that we continue to grow and flourish



as Haifa's leading Reform Jewish Congregation.

It is you, our dear friends, whom we would like to thank from the bottom of our hearts, for your friendship, support and cooperation.

We wish you a year filled with everyday miracles, good health, abundance of loving friends and family.

May light shine on you and your loved ones.

In Friendship,
Rabbi Edgar



Or Hadash
Progressive Judaism in Haifa

From Dinah Engel - President's Message

As I write this article, I am still recovering from the 5 days that I spent at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. Packed with worship, study, learning, incredible speakers



and stirring musical entertainment, this was the largest Biennial in history - with over 6,700 attendees representing 541 of the 900 URJ congregations including over 200 enthusiastic NFTY teens and 500 young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. With a Shabbat Dinner that served more than 4,000 people and an address by President Barack Obama, this 2011 Biennial was truly an extraordinary experience.

We heard from national and international leaders and saw a historic changeover of URJ leadership. In addition, the URJ recommitted itself to cultivating the next generation through the [Campaign for Youth Engagement](#), and announced a new emphasis on reaching North American Jews both inside and outside the walls of its congregations.

You can share the experience of the joyous Shabbat services from Friday night and Saturday morning, including the high-energy song sessions and the many speeches and activities, online at the URJ's YouTube page and I urge you to do so. A playlist of the Biennial speeches and activities, including the following that I consider the highlights (in no particular order), can be found by [clicking here](#).

▪ **President Barack Obama** electrified the audience with reflections on our shared values of democracy, pluralism and social justice and, while cynics may chide us for succumbing to his political agenda, President Obama definitely charmed us - when he wished us a *Shabbat Shalom*, with his story about negotiating with daughter Malia over the length of her skirts as she attends *B'nai Mitzvah*, with his reference to the Torah portion (the story of Joseph) and with numerous Hebrew expressions such as *hineini* (here I am) and *tikkun olam* (repair the world). [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Representative Eric Cantor** (R-VA), the House Majority Leader, spoke on the unbreakable ties between the US and Israel. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Ehud Barak**, one of Israel's most honored soldiers and distinguished political figures, currently the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, praised the Reform Movement for its engagement with and support for Israel. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Natan Sharansky**, former Soviet refusenik who immigrated to Israel where he is currently Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, spoke about strengthening Israel-Diaspora relations. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Rabbi Eric Yoffie** moved us with his heartfelt and inspiring final Biennial presidential sermon about belief in Torah, mitzvot and God of Israel. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Rabbi Rick Jacobs**, newly elected President of the URJ who spent the last 20 years serving as the dynamic, visionary spiritual leader at Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, New York, passionately presented his vision for a new era of Reform Judaism. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Ambassador Nancy Brinker**, founder and CEO of the [Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure](#), who more than 20 years ago promised her dying sister Susan G. Komen that she would do everything possible to raise awareness about breast cancer - then a stigmatized illness - spoke about how her Jewish values inspired her activism on behalf of breast cancer research. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Rabbi Jonah Pesner** and other lay leaders, educators, clergy and youth professionals, who came together to explore challenges and opportunities facing the Reform community in reaching the next generation, officially launched the **Campaign for Youth Engagement**. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Ted Olson and David Boies**, an unlikely partisan pair - a feisty Republican and a fiery Democrat, respectively - who came together to represent plaintiffs challenging

California's state ban on gay marriage on the grounds that it violated the federal constitution, spoke on how human rights and equal rights should not be partisan issues. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Rabbi Richard Hirsch** was honored for being the founding director of the Religious Action Center (RAC), Honorary Life President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the "architect" of Reform Zionism. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **The Religious Action Center (RAC) celebrates 50 years**. [Click here for video](#).

▪ **Dr. Wendy Mogel**, clinical psychologist, parenting expert and the author of the best-selling parenting books *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* and *The Blessing of a B Minus*, talked about parenting Jewishly. [Click here for video](#).

Peruse the video clips at your leisure and you will undoubtedly catch some of the excitement and get a better sense of what our Reform Jewish Union and movement are about, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you might have.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy year 2012.

Dinah Engel,
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From Susan Levey - Temple Educator

Dear Friends:

A very happy and healthy 2012 to you! I am so excited about the New Year. Normally this is the time of the year when I am driven to create lists and more lists of resolutions. If you are like me, by the end of the month, life happens. It is that simple.



At the end of 2011, I decided to try something different. I chose to take the pressure off and create a list of TO DO's for Families. I am pleased to offer just two actions for you and your family! Enjoy!

WHAT CAN WE DO IN 2012?

TO DO JEWISHLY FOR THE CHILDREN

"By the breath of children God sustains the world" - words from the Talmud. This really says it all, doesn't it?

"One who teaches a child Torah is considered to have taught that child and that child's children and grandchildren, to the end of the generations" (Kiddushin 30a). Copy and hang.

My first "to do" is to focus on building a well-balanced community for

our children. Here are some inspirational jump-starts from the RAC:

1. Jewish tradition places great value on the security of our children.
2. We are obligated to protect and encourage our children.
3. We must teach our children how to take care of their world.
4. We must help our children become educated adults.

You can see why my list could easily grow into a book, just from this one topic. Let's resolve to work together in 2012 to make our community a better one. Stop in with your ideas, or just to brainstorm together.

TO DO SHABBAT FOR THE FAMILY

Here is a list of the basics on Shabbat. Participate in what works for your family. At Beth David, the first two Shabbat services of the month begin at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat's arrival, on Friday night just before sundown, is marked with a special candle-lighting ceremony. Some families give *tzedakah* and some give blessings to their children. Feel free to greet others with a hearty "Shabbat Shalom!"

Shabbat dinner begins with a blessing recited over wine, called *Kiddush*, which means sanctification. After *Kiddush*, it is customary to recite the Motzi prayer over the challah.

The special time of Shabbat takes place on Friday night, around dinner. This time is for some families the only time in the week to be together to connect. And we are blessed with the opportunity of Shabbat to do so! The menu for Shabbat can be whatever makes it special for your family.

On Saturday evening, three stars appear in the sky, and the ceremony of *havdalah* takes place. *Havdalah* separates Shabbat from the week. The ritual items used are wine, a box of spices, and a braided candle. Blessings and songs end *Havdalah* and we say "*Shavua Tov!*" - have a good week.

Let's put Shabbat back on top of our TO DO List! It is easy to celebrate at home or in synagogue. It is wonderful to observe as a family or to make Beth David your family for Shabbat.

My TO DO's are action-based for the year. Let's make a difference.

With Love,
Susan
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News From the Faculty

Did you know?

Service Preparation - It is Important.

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 study their Hebrew readings for the Shabbat service they lead **with no transliteration**, just like the prayer books they will receive as Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates.

The students practice their readings at home, either by calling their teachers or madrichim, or using a CD. The students are taught that it is quite the honor to lead the Congregation in prayer, and the work is to be taken seriously. Leading the service is not the same as participating in a play, and the readings from the service are not "parts."

Ellis Island Experience - your papers please!

It is an experience to remember as we recreate everything from boats to doctors to immigration papers! The Upper School students will experience a month of study and active participation in The Ellis Island Experience. After two weeks of immigration study, teachers and students will become families on different boats, eventually landing and moving through the Immigration process.

WEATHER ISSUES

Check your email or the Beth David Website, or listen to **KYW** for school closings - **Montgomery County 1132**.

Calendar Reminders for 2012!

Please mark your calendars now:

Tuesday	January 3	Back to School at Beth David
Friday	January 13	6:30 - Grade 6 students lead the Shabbat service
Sunday	January 15	No School
Sunday	January 22	10:30 - Grades Pre-K and 1 rock to the music of KINDERLACH ROCK (DURING SCHOOL)
Friday	January 27-	Confirmation Class Attends the L'Taken Seminar
Monday	January 30	Sponsored by the Religious Action Center in D.C.
Sunday	February 5	Grade 2 Tu B'shvat Trip to Morris Arboretum
Sunday	March 4	PURIM CANTATA presented by Grade 5

From Jill Cooper - Executive Director

Is Santa Claus Jewish? Ordinarily I'd say no, but this year, for one family in Philadelphia Santa Claus was two Jewish women and a wink from God.

Before Thanksgiving, my friend Elaine told me about an initiative out of the 30th Street Post Office called *Operation Santa Claus*. "Each year kind hearted people bring Operation Santa Claus to life by answering "Dear Santa" letters from needy children who would otherwise have no Christmas at all" (from the Operation Santa Claus website). Every year, Elaine becomes one of the "kind hearted people" and goes to the post office to select two or three letters from kids, purchases the things on "Santa's List" and ships them off to the families.

I thought this was terrific and offered my help. One little girl wrote, "My older brother is 15 and all he wants is a saxophone. I would like for him to have a sax cus [sic] my mom says its [sic] good for him and keeps him from getting into trouble." I agreed to be the provider of the saxophone.

Skip ahead several weeks, I've



returned from vacation and set out to locate a saxophone. I call the first number on the Google list of used instruments, and inquire about the donation of a saxophone to a needy teen. I soon discover I've called a store that sells pianos and organs exclusively...but...the man who happened to answer the phone sits on the board of an organization, Musicopia, whose mission is to take instruments out of the attic and put them into the hands of kids. He gave me the name of a woman to call, who sadly informed me that they never get saxes, but lots of trumpets and flutes. She offered to make a call and get back to me in an hour.

Craigslist here I come...but nothing for under \$499. Just then she calls me back, incredulous that a sax had JUST been donated and that it was in the repair shop; I could have it that Friday. OH MY GOD! We both couldn't believe it. After I picked up the sax on Friday afternoon I called the gentleman who put me in touch with this woman to thank him, only to find out he works one day a week, Mondays.

All a big coincidence? Had I called before I left for vaca there would have been no sax. Had I called any day other than on a Monday, I would not have spoken to the generous man who put me together with Musicopia. Imagine, calling a piano store who helped me to locate a sax.

I call this a "God Wink" coming from the book by Squire Rushnell, **When GOD Winks: How the Power of Coincidence Guides Your Life**.

Elaine and her two sons packed up four cartons of presents for this family plus the sax. So you see, for one 15 year old boy and his family, Santa exists in two Jewish women and a wink from God.

You'll be hearing more about Musicopia from me in the future. Do you have an instrument you'd like to donate? Complete the Donation Form, found at www.musicopia.net, and drop it off at my office. I'll get it to the Executive Director of Musicopia..., who happens to live in nearby Haverford.

Jill Cooper
jcooper@bdavid.org

Women of Reform Judaism

After a month of intense festivities, we have been thinking about family. How do we spend time with our mothers, sisters, children or grandchildren - the times when values are shared, stories are told, memories are made. Is it sports, shopping, the arts, volunteer work, cooking? What is quality time anyway?

Our program committee has been thinking about this too, and is planning an afternoon called the Ties that Bind. This program is designed to introduce crafts and skills that our grandmothers may have shared: knitting, quilting, crocheting, crafts and challah baking. These are activities that bring families together for story telling, for laughter and accomplishment. Members of our congregation will teach these activities and offer ideas on how to share them with your families.

Program vice president Susan Jacobs (sjacobs811@yahoo.com) is



chairing a very creative committee. Please contact her with questions or suggestions. Details will be coming, but save the date for Sunday afternoon, February 12th. Families are encouraged.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Gift Shop, "Gifted," for their Chanukah supplies and gifts. On December 18th we featured a special child-budget event as part of the religious school Chanukah celebration, offering gifts for the family under \$10. There was so much helping the children figure out what they might select for their teachers, parents, siblings, grandparents... or themselves.

Thank you to our Gifted volunteers - Lisa Miller, Robyn McKnight, Karen Wilson, Susan Jacobs, Rebecca Egolf, Ilene McCaffrey, Nancy Goldstein, Nancy Fox, Elise Grover, Barb Helpin, Debby Weinstein, Barbara Katzman, Gail

Lazarus, and Shelly Myers - for planning and staffing our December activities.

Our Gifted buyers are listening to your feedback. The Judaica-themed necklaces have been an extremely popular Bat Mitzvah gift, and we are re-stocking at the New York Gift Show later this month. We will be looking for little jewelry boxes to pair with the necklaces for a lovely gift. If you have other ideas of what you would like to see in Gifted, drop by and add your ideas to our suggestion book. We take your thoughts seriously.

Anita Lichtenberg and Lois Burack
Co- Presidents WRJ

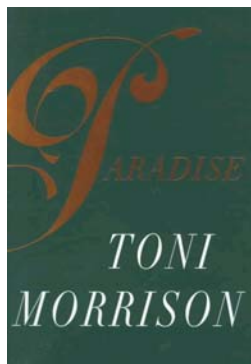
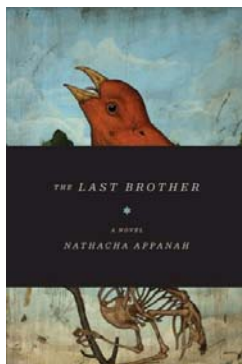
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WRJ Book Clubs

Monday Night Group

The Last Brother: A Novel
by Nathacha Appanah
led by Judi Price at 7:30 on January
9, 2012
hosted by Susan Bricklin
718 Braeburn Lane
Penn Valley, PA 19072
susan.bricklin@usdoj.gov



Wednesday Night Group

Paradise
by Toni Morrison
for more details contact Bobbie
Epstein epsteir@gmail.com

WRJ IS BROADWAY BOUND



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WITH
MATTHEW BRODERICK AND KELLI O'HARA

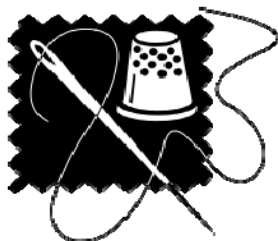
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\$150

Includes Ticket, Bus, Driver Gratuity

Reservations to Nancy Goldstein
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Checks Payable to WRJ
Mail to: Jackie Saltzman
1219 W. Wynnewood Road, #517
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Bus Departs Promptly from Beth David at 8:30 AM
Tickets are non-refundable
Orchestra Seats

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S 南	<p align="center">Mah Jongg Card Fundraiser for Beth David Sisterhood, WRJ <i>Buy your 2012 Mah Jongg cards through WRJ and everyone wins!</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Spread the word, order through Beth David Sisterhood, WRJ this year.</i></p> <p align="center">The prices are the same as if you ordered from the Mah Jongg League \$7 for standard print and \$8 for large print.</p> <p align="center"><i>WRJ will earn \$1 for every card we sell.</i></p> <p align="center">Orders taken now through January 10, 2012. You can order as many cards as you wish! Just be sure to designate standard or large print for each card and the name and address of the recipient.</p> <p align="center">Email your order to Susan Frant at sfrantedd@gmail.com with the total number of cards.</p> <p align="center">Cards will be mailed directly to each individual from the National Mah Jongg League by the end of March 2012.</p> <p align="center">Make your check payable to Beth David Sisterhood/WRJ and send to Jackie Saltzman at 1219 W. Wynnewood Road, #517, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Be sure you indicate the name and number ordered.</p> <p align="center">For more information: Susan Frant at 865-599-8988. <i>Thanks for your support!</i></p>																	S 南
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Save the Date!!!

The Ties That Bind
 Hosted by WRJ

All Ages Welcome!
Men, Women, Boys & Girls!

Sunday February 12
12:00pm - 3:00pm at Beth David

Join us for a day of fun activities:
Knitting Sewing Fabric Painting Tying Tzitzit Challah Baking

Have fun learning or come do what you already enjoy!
Pros & New Learners Welcome!

Reservations will be required! Information on how to make your reservation will follow after the new year!



Beth David Men...We Are Mensch

Beth David Men celebrated the holiday season with **A Magical Brunch** on Sunday, December 18, hosting a lox and bagel brunch with a special guest: world-class, award-winning magician **Marc DeSouza**. We were thrilled to welcome over 50 Beth David members and guests to a truly amazing show, highlighted by Marc's incredible sleight-of-hand tricks. Marc was helped on some of his great magic by some of our Beth David members, including **Julie Gerstein, Nancy Fox, Ben Helpin, Bob Benowitz, Rodd Bender** and **Julie Switsky**. Special thanks and congratulations go out to Jack Schultz, our event chairman (himself a fine magician!), as well as to the entire "brunch crew" of **Robert Friedman (and his father Arnold), Steve Berk, Don Friedman, Neil Sukonik** and **Steve Feder**. BD Men also thanks Jill Cooper

and Chuck and Julio of the maintenance crew for their support.

Earlier, on November 17th, despite falling temperatures, a dozen or so of our hardier members braved the extreme conditions to enjoy fine scotch and cigars at our Beth David Men 2nd **Annual Scotch & Cigar Night**. Many thanks to host **David Lazarus** for sharing his back patio and, more importantly, warm fireplace! Next year, we will try to choose a warmer evening!

Looking ahead, you are going to want to Hold the Date for our upcoming - **HAVA TEQUILA! – A Gourmet Mexican Dinner and Fine Tequila Tasting** at Tequila's Restaurant in Philadelphia on **March 22nd**. Stay tuned for more information soon.

Beth David Men is also working on additional great events in 2012, including our **Spaghetti Dinner** on April

15 and the next opportunity to continue our clean-up efforts at the **Gladwyne Jewish Cemetery** on April 29, as well as possible trips to see a Flyers or Sixers game, and several other fun and interesting events for BD Men and their families and the entire Beth David community.

BD Men is being led this year by Co-Presidents **Steve Feder** and **Neil Sukonik**, Treasurer **Mitch Gerstein** and Vice President/Secretary **Robert Friedman**. Look for details soon on our upcoming events, or join us at monthly planning meetings and help bring great programming to Beth David.

For information and to join BD Men, please contact **Steve Feder** at 610.357.1574 or sfeder@comcast.net or **Neil Sukonik** at 610.637.1720 or nsukonik@sukonik.com.



BethDY - Beth David Youth

by: Jenna Bergmann

BethDY has kicked off this winter with an excellent start, with many fun events and activities! We had our mall scavenger hunt on the last Tuesday of November and, although I wasn't able to make it, I heard that it was an excellent time and I'm looking forward to going next year. We donated many toys to Turning Points For Children, a wonderful charitable organization that allows underprivileged families to pick out gifts for their kids. Our Synaplex event was on Friday, December 9th, and it was so much fun! We participated in a Shabbat children's service followed by a delicious dinner at the hibachi restaurant Shangri-La.



Erica Hummel
President

Our lounge night on December 13th was a hit as usual, and all in attendance enjoyed the winter theme. We had hot chocolate as well as other wonderful winter treats. We also played Secret Snowflake, so we all brought small gifts for one another.

We are very excited about the start of 2012, as we have some really fun events planned for January. On Saturday, January 7th, we are looking forward to our annual laser tag event which is always incredibly fun, and we hope to see everyone there! This is the first event of the year in which eighth graders can participate, so we're really looking forward to meeting some new members. Even if you

don't attend Hebrew school, please come join us for what will be an awesome night! We also have another lounge night on the 10th, which I'm sure will be just as much fun as the others. I also hope to be joined in going to the winter NFTY-PAR event, a social action weekend from January 13th -15th called WINSTY (Winter- Institute). It's NFTY -PAR's only home-hosted event, and I'm very excited to be going! We hope to see everyone at our upcoming events, and I hope that you had an excellent break, Hanukkah, and New Year!

Erica Hummel, President
ehummel@bdavid.org

Congregational News

Welcome New Members

- Rochelle Myers
- Jolie Kahn

B'nai Mitzvah - Mazel Tov



Gavin Albert Becker - January 7, son of Kari and Jeff Becker

For his Mitzvah project Gavin is participating in **The Butterfly Project**, a play that shows the best and the worst of which the human heart is capable. A total of 15,000 children under the age of 15 passed through Terezin Concentration Camp; less than 100 survived. Wolf Performing Arts Center will honor the memory of these children with a play based on the book **I Never Saw Another Butterfly**. Gavin will be performing as one of the children. The production premieres at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia on Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 19, 2012.

Participating in **The Butterfly Project** is especially meaningful to Gavin because four of his great-grandparents perished in concentration camps.

The Butterfly Project is supported by donations. Contact 610-642-0233, info@wolfperformingartscenter.org. Gavin is in 7th grade and attends the Shipley School.



Hannah Engelman - January 14, daughter of Elizabeth and Ross Engelman

For her Mitzvah Project Hannah is collecting horse and animal supplies and raising funds for the **Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue (LCR)**. LCR is a non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates horses and domestic companion animals. It is dedicated to promoting and educating the public to humane and responsible treatment of equines and other domestic companion animals.

It should come as no surprise then, that Hannah is a passionate equestrian who likes to train and show. She also enjoys lacrosse and squash. Hannah is in 7th grade at the Shipley School.



Sam Lazarus - January 28, son of Gail and David Lazarus

For his Mitzvah Project, Sam conducted food drives and raised money for the Center for Hunger-Free Communities and participated in challenger baseball as well as assisted an autistic 5 year old boy to participate in playing baseball. Sam's interests include tennis, baseball, guitar, and playing in a band. Sam is in 7th grade at the Shipley School.

Todah Rabah

- To the many Synaplex volunteers and bakers, June Appel, Mark Rosen, Carole Dichter, Jane Horwitz, Judy

Todah Rabah cont.

Grinspan, Elise Grover, Rebecca Egolf, Rebecca Stein, Ilene Rosen, and Marla Feder.

- Tyrone Wood, Beth David Facilities crew for bringing the Synaplex food donations to the Philabundance warehouse.
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Mazel Tov

- Ginny and Ben Kendall, whose grandson received the Medal of Valor
- Eric Bernstein on the new line of skin care products
- Susan Golboro, teacher, and husband Bruce, on the birth of their grandson Ethan Robert Sussman
- Susan Dein Bricklin and Louis Bricklin on the marriage of daughter Rabbi Cari Bricklin to David Small
- Susan Cohen-Dickler on the publishing of her E-book **The Cure: Learn to Love the Phillies Again**

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- Eli Behmoiras
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>SCHOOL CLOSED</i>	2 <i>OFFICES CLOSED</i> <i>New Year's Ob- served</i>	3 <i>4:00-9:00pm- School</i> <i>7:15pm- Beit Midrash</i>	4	5 <i>4:00-5:45pm - Pre-B'nai Mitz- vah</i>	6 <i>6:30pm- Services</i>	7 <i>9:30am -Torah Study</i> <i>10:30am - Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Becker</i> <i>BethDY- UltraZone</i>
8 <i>9:30am-12:30pm- School</i>	9 <i>7:30pm-Exec. Comm.</i>	10 <i>4:00-9:00pm- School</i> <i>7:00pm-B'nai Mitzvah Comm. Meeting</i> <i>7:15pm- Beit Midrash</i>	11	12 <i>4:00-5:45pm - Pre-B'nai Mitz- vah</i>	13 <i>6:30pm- Services</i> <i>6th Grade Shab- bat</i>	14 <i>9:30am -Torah Study</i> <i>10:30am - Bat Mitzvah of Han- nah Engelman</i>
15 <i>SCHOOL CLOSED</i>	16 <i>MLK Day OFFICES CLOSED</i>	17 <i>4:00-9:00pm- School</i> <i>7:15pm- Beit Midrash</i>	18	19 <i>4:00-5:45pm - Pre-B'nai Mitz- vah</i> <i>7:15pm-WRJ Board Meeting</i>	20 <i>7:00pm - Char- donnay Schmooze Shabbat</i> <i>8:00pm-Services</i>	21 <i>9:30am -Torah Study</i>
22 <i>9:30am-12:30pm- school</i> <i>9:30am - HSA</i> <i>9:30am - Board Mtg.</i>	23 <i>7:00pm - Fi- nance Committee</i>	24 <i>9:30am-KLM Coalition</i> <i>4:00-9:00pm- School</i> <i>7:15pm- Beit Midrash</i>	25	26 <i>4:00-5:45pm - Pre-B'nai Mitz- vah</i>	27 <i>8:00pm-Services</i> <i>RAC Trip</i>	28 <i>9:30am -Torah Study</i> <i>10:30am - Bar Mitzvah of Sam Lazarus</i> <i>RAC Trip</i>
29 <i>9:30am-12:30pm- school</i> <i>9:30-11:30am- Leadership Dev.</i> <i>RAC Trip</i>	30	31 <i>4:00-9:00pm- School</i> <i>7:15pm- Beit Midrash</i>				

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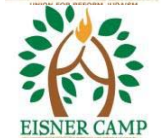
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